

Sinclair Broadcasting's plan to air an anti-Kerry documentary on their stations days before the election is a blatant example of the perils of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, they are apt to serve their own interests rather than their intended mission to serve the public good. Democracy is better served by something produced by real people from our own communities, and by more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.